(b) the details of amounts of money proposed to be spent by the Central Government during the forthcoming Eighth Five Year Plan period, town-wise details for all the States of north-eastern region for their development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The details of funds released under the two Centrally Sponsored schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns & Urban Basic Services are given in the Annexures *[See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure Nos. 98 and 99 respectively].

(b) Towns under the Scheme of IDSMT are allocated on Plan to Plan basis. The release of Central assistance to various States would depend on various factors like (i) 8th Plan over-all allocations; (ii) State-wise allocaton of towns, (iii) progress of implementation achieved by the State from time to time, etc.

उड़ीसा में विकलांग व्यक्तियों और आदिवासियों के लिए रोज़गार

1740. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश की सभी राज्यों, विशेषकर उड़ीसा में विकलांग व्यक्तियों और आदिवाल सियों को रोज़गार कार्यालयों में नाम दर्ज कराये जाने के दो-दो वर्षों के बाद भी रोज़गार प्रदान नहीं किया जाता जबकि इन व्यक्तियों को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर प्रोत्साहन दिया जाना चाहिए;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनके क्या कारण हैं और

(ग) यदि नहीं तो क्या इस बारे में कोई अनियमितता सरकार के ध्यान में आई है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री राधा कृष्ण मालवीय: (क) और (ख) रोज़गार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत रोज़गार चाहने वाले व्यक्तियों, जिनमें विकलांग तथा आदिवासी वयक्ति सम्मिलित हैं, की नियुक्ति उनके लिए अधिसूचित रिक्तियों पर निर्भर करती है। अधिसूचित रिक्तियों तथा रोज़गार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत उम्मीदवारों में बहुत अधिक अंतर होने के कारण, कुछ प्रतीक्षा अवधि होने की सम्भावना है जो अलग-अलग राज्यों तथा व्यवसायों के अनुसार भिन्न होती है। तदनुसार, उड़ीसा तथा कई अन्य राज्यों में, विकलांग तथा आदिवासी उम्मीदवारों के लिए भी प्रतीक्षा अवधि दो वर्ष से अधिक है। तथापि, विकलांग तथा आदिवासी उम्मीदवारों को व्यवसायों की विभिन्न श्रेणियों में उनके लिए आरक्षित कोटा का लाभ मिलता है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Khus khus plantation for soil andmoisture conservation

1741. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank experts advocate the Khus-khus or vativer grass planting as a vegetative method of soil and moisture conservation;

(b) whether the suitability and usefulness of this plant for soil conservation has been demonstrated in World Bank aided projects in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) if the resutls are encouraging what are the reasons for not popularising this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The khus or vativer grass is being used for soil and moisture conservation as hedge plant in many parts of the country from time immemprial. The World Bank experts only located it and gave impetus for the propagation of this technology in a larger area.

(b) On preliminary observation, the khus or vativer is found to be useful

when planted on contour for control of gullies specially in the watershed developed projects being implemented with the Wrold Bank aid in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) There has been encouraging results in some of the pockets. However, since it is in the early eyars of introduction, the observations are continued and it would take some more time to evaluate the data.

(d) Encouraged by the results in the pilot proejcts, planting of khus as soil erosion barriers are being taken up under the National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Agriculture being introduced in 99 watershed of 17 States and in the newly proposed pilot projects with the World Bank aid in the States of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat ami Orissa also to popularise as a part of *divm,* affordable and replicable methods of soil conservation system so that farmers themselves could propagate in their lands.

Utilization of funds meant for RLEGP for housing

1742. SHRl YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

• (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh sought the permission of the Union Government to utilise funds under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme for construction of houses for the physically handicapped persons; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Amendment in the constitution to give more powers to Local Self-Governments

1743. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Constitution of India to give more powers to local self-Government bodies;

(b) whether mandatory powers for village panchayats will help the planning process and integrate the district level planning with that of State and Centre and if so, whether Government would initiate measures to achieve this;

(c) what would be the process of devaluation of finances to these Panchayat Raj institutions and the means to.mobilise their own resources; and

(d) whether a separate list of subjects would be drawn up in the Constitution other than Union, State and Concurrent lists, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a)' to (d) The subject of revitablisation of Panchayati Raj Institutions to promote district planning and decentralised implementation of development programmes is under active consideration of the Government.

सिन्दरी स्थिति संयंत्र में अल्प संख्यक समुदायों के लिये कल्याण कार्य

1744. **श्री मौलाना असद सदनी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सिन्दरी स्थित भारतीय उर्वरक निगम द्वारा 1986 के वर्ष के दौरान तथा फरवरी, 1989 तक अल्प संख्यक समुदायों के कल्याण हेतू प्रधान मंत्री के 15-सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत किये गये कार्य का ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में उर्वरक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० प्रभु): फर्टिलाइजर कार्पोरेशन आफ इंडिया (एफ सी आई) ने सूचित किया है कि प्रबन्ध